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## MONTANA DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION DRAFT REGIONAL PLANS

### CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST REGIONS

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Note: Any boundaries in counties that are adjacent to but not included in the Central or Southeast Regions that are included in a proposed plan will not be adopted until comment is heard from the persons in those respective counties. The counties will be subject to any ripple effect, however, upon the tentative adoption of a region's plans.

The plans will be adopted with the caveat that there will need to be minor adjustments as boundaries receive closer scrutiny and additional checks are performed on the adopted plans. Any adopted plan will be subject to change as the Commission moves around the state.

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### CENTRAL REGION

Choteau, Judith Basin, Fergus, and Petroleum Counties

### OVERVIEW

There are 4 plans prepared for this region. Plans 100, 200, and 400 were prepared by Commission staff. Plan 300 was submitted by Commissioner Joe Lamson. For Plans 100, 200, and 400, the Lewistown area can be seen as interchangeable. Also, Plan 200 Northcentral Region offers another variation that may be substituted for the Lewistown district. Plan 400 is the same as Plan 200 for the Lewistown district, but proposed district 21 differs in the Southeast Region.

The district numbers in Plan 300 Central Region and Southeast region are not consistent with the numbers in Plan 300 Northcentral or Northeast Region. Preferences should be stated by region and district for any plan. As soon as the Commission adopts the Northcentral and Northeast region, the district numbering will be made consistent.

Plan 300 has 2 variations for the Fergus, Judith Basin, and Choteau Counties area - A and B. Plan 300 B splits Lewistown and joins it with the southeastern half of Choteau County, northwestern Fergus County and Judith Basin County. The rest of the proposed districts in the Petroleum County and Southeast Region are the same for A or B.

For counties included in this region, all plans split Fergus County for population reasons. Plan 300 also splits Choteau County. Plan 300 splits Lewistown in Plan 300- B to provide a shorter house district to the east. The ripple effect on Choteau County will require it to be included in the Central Region and adopted at a later date.

### PLAN 100

Proposed District #	2000 Total Population	Deviation from Ideal Population (9,022)	1990 District(s)
5	9,077	0.61	89,93
9	9,237	2.38	93,94
10	9,312	3.21	93,8

Native Americans comprise less than 2% of the total population in any of these Central Region districts.

The three districts in Plan 100 Central Region are identical to the three districts in Plan 100 Northcentral Region and the descriptions are similar to the Northcentral Region draft regional plans.

Proposed District 5 includes all of Choteau and Judith Basin Counties and the northwest third of Fergus County. The eastern boundary is Armell's Creek and following Precinct 16 and 1's boundaries south to Gilt Edge east of Lewistown. The southern boundary closely approximates current House District 94's northern boundary until west of Lewistown where it follows the Hanover and Kolin roads to the county line.

Proposed District 9 includes the Lewistown area of current House District 94 and the southeastern corner of Fergus County south of the Hanover and Kolin roads.

Proposed District 10 is composed of the eastern third of Fergus County and Petroleum County. The district needed an additional 5,270 persons. Plan 100 illustrates that Wheatland, Golden Valley, and Musselshell Counties provide this additional population, but this district would not be adopted until the Southcentral Region is addressed.

PLAN 200

Proposed District #	2000 Total Population	Deviation from Ideal Population (9,022)	1990 District(s)
5	9,309	3.18	89,93
21	8,990	-0.35	3,99,93
22	8,929	-1.03	94

Native Americans comprise less than 2% of the total population in any of these Central Region districts.

Proposed District 5 includes all of Choteau and Judith Basin Counties and the northwest third of Fergus County. The eastern boundary is Armell's Creek and following Precincts 16 and 1's boundaries south to Highway 191 north of Lewistown. The southern boundary closely approximates current House District 94's northwest boundary until west of Lewistown where it follows Wolverine Creek, Lower Cottonwood, Glengary, McMillan, and Beaver Creek roads to Rock Creek Road which it follows west to Highway 87 and then to the county line.

Proposed District 21 includes the remainder of Fergus County and Petroleum County from the Central Region. It also includes Garfield, McCone, and Prairie Counties in their entirety, northern Dawson County, not including Glendive, with the boundary west of Glendive being Highway 200 until approximately 9 miles west of Glendive and then county road 230 is used west to the county line (existing district boundary). North of Glendive, the district boundary is the Yellowstone River north to Fox Creek, about 5 miles south of Sidney. This district includes western Richland County, not including Sidney or Fairview, with Highway 16 being the boundary north of Sidney.

Proposed District 22 includes the Lewistown area of current House District 94 and the southeastern corner of Fergus County south of Rock Creek Road to Highway 87 west of Lewistown. (This district differs slightly from the Plan 200 Northcentral proposed district 22, in which the northwestern boundary closely approximates current House District 94's northern boundary until west of Lewistown where it follows Wolverine Creek and Scott roads to Highway 87/200 to the county line. If that district is preferred, the population percentages will allow substitution.)

PLAN 300 A (Lewistown intact)

District #	2000 Total Population	Percentage Deviation from Ideal Population	1990 District(s)
5	9,396	4.15	47,89
21A	9,445	4.69	89, 94, 99

22 A	9,407	4.27	93, 94
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Native Americans comprise less than 2% of the total population in any of these Central Region districts.

All Districts in Plan 300 A and B Central Region are different in number and configuration from districts in Plan 300 Northcentral Region and these descriptions are all new. In order to compare to Northcentral Region, please refer to proposed district 14 (NC) to compare with this proposed district 5 (C), proposed district 19 (NC) becomes proposed district 21 (C) and proposed district 20 (NC) becomes proposed district 22 (C).

Proposed District 5 (compares to 14NC) includes half of Choteau County north and west of the Missouri River until Virgelle at which time the district boundary goes due north to Highway 87. It includes all of Liberty County, and in Toole County north of Highway 2 and east of I-15. It includes Shelby and the private prison facility in Toole County and the communities of Fort Benton, Big Sandy, Carter, and Loma from Choteau County. The plan for the Central Region includes more area in proposed district 5 south of the Missouri River for an area 15 miles around Fort Benton than plans for the Northcentral Region.

Proposed District 21A (compares to 19NC) includes southeastern Choteau County, and the Fergus County area not including Lewistown or the southeastern corner of Fergus County. It includes Judith Basin, Petroleum, and Garfield Counties in their entirety, and McCone County, not including Circle. In McCone County, the boundary is Highway 200 on either side of Circle from Stoney Butte/Highway 253 to the Dawson County line. The immediate area inside Brockton is in proposed district 21. The boundary follows the Circle census designated place boundaries (city limits) skirting Circle to the north. Circle is in proposed district 27 in the Southeast Region.

Proposed District 22A (20NC) includes the southern portion of Fergus County, including Lewistown. The boundaries north of Lewistown approximate the current HD 94 boundaries. The northwestern boundary follows the railroad west to Scott Road to Lower Cottonwood Creek Road to Highway 87 which it follows to the county line. The county line serves as the western and southern boundary to Highway 19 at the Petroleum County line and Highway 87 east of Lewistown.

#### PLAN 300 B (Lewistown split)

District #	2000 Total Population	Percentage Deviation from Ideal Population	1990 District(s)
5	9,396	4.15	47,89
21B	9,433	4.56	93,94,99
22 B	9,419	4.40	89,94

Native Americans comprise less than 2% of the total population in any of these Central Region districts.

In order to compare to Northcentral Region, please refer to proposed district 14 (NC) to compare with this proposed district 5 (C), proposed district 19 (NC) becomes proposed district 21 (C) and proposed district 20 (NC) becomes proposed district 22 (C).

Proposed District 5 (compares to 14NC) includes half of Choteau County north and west of the Missouri River until Virgelle at which time the district boundary goes due north to Highway 87. It includes all of Liberty County, and in Toole County north of Highway 2 and east of I-15. It includes Shelby and the private prison facility in Toole County and the communities of Fort Benton, Big Sandy, Carter, and Loma from Choteau County. The plan for the Central Region includes more area south of the Missouri River for an 15 miles around Fort Benton. (Same as Central Region Plan 300A)

Proposed District 21B (compares to 19NC) includes southeastern Fergus County, including a portion of Lewistown. The boundary in Lewistown is, from the north, Highway 191 to 1<sup>st</sup> and Main, then east on Main to Highway 87. It includes Petroleum and Garfield Counties in their entirety, and McCone County, not including Circle. The boundary is Highway 200 on either side of Circle from Stoney Butte/Highway 253 to the Dawson County line. The immediate area inside Brockton is in proposed district 21. The boundary follows the Circle census designated place boundaries (city limits) skirting Circle to the north. Circle is in proposed district 27 in the Southeast Region. The McCone County portion is the same as Central Region Plan 300 A)

Proposed District 22B (20NC) includes the northwestern portion of Fergus County, including a portion of Lewistown north of Highway 87 and Main st. and west of Highway 191 and 1<sup>st</sup>. It also includes Judith Basin County in its entirety and half of Choteau County south and east of the Missouri River to Virgelle at which time the district boundary goes due north to Highway 87. This proposed district 22B for the Central Region includes less area south of the Missouri River for an 15 miles around Fort Benton (same boundary as Central Region Plan 300A).

PLAN 400

Proposed District #	2000 Total Population	Deviation from Ideal Population (9,022)	1990 District(s)
5	9,309	3.18	89,93
21	9,343	3.56	93, 99, 8
22	8,929	-1.03	93, 94

Native Americans comprise less than 2% of the total population in any of these Central Region districts.

Proposed District 5 (same as Central Region Plan 200) includes all of Choteau and Judith Basin Counties and the northwest third of Fergus County. The eastern boundary is Armell's Creek and following Precincts 16 and 1's boundaries south to Gilt Edge east of Lewistown. The southern boundary closely approximates current House District 94's northern boundary until west of Lewistown

where it follows Wolverine Creek, Lower Cottonwood, Glengary, McMillan, Beaver Creek roads to Rock Creek road which it follows west to Highway 87 and then to the county line.

Proposed District 21 includes the remainder of Fergus County and Petroleum County from the Central Region. It also includes Musselshell, Garfield, and McCone Counties in their entirety. (Musselshell County is included in the Southcentral Region to be adopted at a later date.)

Proposed District 22 (same as Central Region Plan 200) includes the Lewistown area of current House District 94 and the southeastern corner of Fergus County south of Rock Creek Road to Highway 87 west of Lewistown. (This district differs slightly from the Plan 200 Northcentral proposed district 22, in which the northwestern boundary closely approximates current House District 94's northern boundary until west of Lewistown where it follows Wolverine Creek and Scott roads to Highway 87/200 to the county line. If that district is preferred, the population percentages will allow substitution.)

### **SOUTHEAST REGION**

Garfield, McCone, Richland, Dawson, Prairie, Wibaux, Rosebud, Custer, Fallon, Carter, Powder River, Big Horn, and Treasure Counties

### **OVERVIEW**

There are four plans prepared for this region. Plans 100, 200, and 400 were prepared by Commission staff. Plan 300 was submitted by Commissioner Joe Lamson. Plan 100 matches with Plan 100 Northcentral Region; and Plan 200 matches with Plan 200 Northcentral and Northeast Regions. Plan 400 matches with Plan 200 Northcentral and Plan 100 Northeast Regions. Any of the proposed Miles City districts are interchangeable in any plan.

All plans enhance the American Indian Voting Age percentages in what are current House Districts 5 and 6. Plans 300 and 400 use population from Powder River County to complete one of the majority Indian districts. All plans use Yellowstone County to complete the other majority Indian district. For the purposes of this report, the categories of American Indian/Alaska Native and American Indian/Alaska Native and Other Race categories were combined as suggested by the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Justice and adopted as part of the Commission's criteria. The American Indian/Alaska Native and Other Race categories exceeded 5% in one district in plans 100, 300, and 400, but did not exceed 6%.

For counties included in this region, all plans split the counties of Richland, Rosebud, Custer, Big Horn, and Yellowstone for population reasons. Plans 100, 200, and 300 also split Dawson County. Plans 100 and 300 split Treasure County two ways and Rosebud County three ways. Plan 300 also splits Powder River County two ways and Custer and Dawson County three ways. The Crow Reservation is

split in all plans because of population reasons. The Northern Cheyenne Reservation is intact in all plans.

PLAN 100

Proposed District #	2000 Total Population	Deviation from Ideal Population (9,022)	1990 District(s)
21	8,679	-3.80	2,99
22	8,608	-4.59	99,100
25	9,104	0.91	1,3
26	8,647	-4.06	4,3
27	8,622	-4.43	5,6
28	8,655	-4.07	6,7
29	8,630	-4.34	1,2,3,7,99
<b>30</b>	<b>8,693</b>	<b>-3.65%</b>	<b>7</b>

**Minimum deviation: -4.88%; Maximum deviation: 4.80%; Overall deviation: 9.55%**

District #	2000 Native American Total Population %	2000 Native American Voting Age Population %	1990 Predominant District	1990 Native American Total Population %	1990 Native American Voting Age Population %
27	64.37	56.35	5	56.72	49.74
28	61.09	54.91	6	59.75	53.00

Proposed district 21 includes northern Richland County (1059 persons) not including Sidney, Fairview, or Savage, but including Lambert and the area north of Highway 201, west of Highway 16, north and east of the existing boundary (may be using school district lines) and county road 336 south to the Richland/Dawson county line. In Dawson County, Highways 16 and 200 provide the boundaries outside of Glendive and the city of Glendive is included in proposed district 21 using the southern 2000 city limits (or census designated place) boundaries.

Proposed district 22 is entirely within Richland County and includes Fairview, Sidney and Savage. The northern boundary is Highway 201, western boundary is Highway 16. This proposed district contains all of current House District 100, with additional area between Yellowstone River and county road 336.

(Proposed districts 23-24 Northeast Region)

Proposed district 25 includes Fallon, Carter, and Powder River Counties in their entirety and Custer County (3049 persons) with the exception of Miles City that is in proposed district 26.

Proposed district 26 includes Miles City using the city limit boundaries north of Interstate 94 with the addition of a small area between the city limits and I-94. South of the interstate includes all of the city limits and west to the Tongue River and north of Sunset Drive.

Proposed district 27 includes the southern third of Rosebud County including the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and south (3697 persons). The area around, but not including, Colstrip is included. West of Highway 39 and south of a local government boundary is included. East of Highway 39 the boundary follows a county road that parallels the RR tracks to Peabody Mine/South Fork Cow Creek to the county road that becomes Highway 447 to the north. This district includes Ashland, Birney, Lame Deer, Muddy, Busby, and a portion of Hardin. The district includes eastern Big Horn County (4925 persons) including portions of the Crow Reservation. The boundary is basically I-90 with a couple exceptions: it follows the frontage road between Lodge Grass to 11 miles north (existing district boundary). The boundary follows the existing district line around Crow Agency (in proposed district 28) and follows the Frontage Road north to Sarpy Road and I-90 into Hardin. The Hardin portion of the district is north of 4th to the existing district line and north to county road 282. Highway 47 serves as the boundary north to the county line.

Proposed district 28 includes the western half of Big Horn County and the area in Hardin south of 4th and in the existing district. It also includes Wyola, Lodge, Grass, Crow Agency, St. Xavier, Pryor, and Fort Smith. It also includes the Crow Reservation portion of Yellowstone County and north of Big Horn County line up to I-94 (portions of current HD 7) about 26 miles east of Huntley to the Custer School District line. (Yellowstone County - 909 persons)

Proposed district 29 includes Garfield, McCone, Prairie, Wibaux Counties in their entirety, and parts of Dawson, Rosebud, and Treasure. The Dawson County portion (1439 persons) includes south of Highway 200, south of the Glendive city limits and south of I-94. The Rosebud County portion (962 persons) includes the northern third of the county, not including Forsyth. Treasure County north of I-94 (706 persons) including Hysham is in this district.

Proposed district 30 includes Forsyth and Colstrip from Rosebud County (4724 persons), Treasure County south of I-94 (155 persons), Yellowstone County including Custer, Ballantine, Worden, and Huntley, including more area west to Highway 87 north of, and not including, Shepherd .

PLAN 200

Proposed District #	2000 Total Population	Deviation from Ideal Population (9,022)	1990 District(s)
21	8,990	-0.35	93,99,3
22	8,929	-1.03	93,94
25	8,874	-1.64	97,99,100
26	8,957	0.72	1,2
27	8,787	-2.60	3,4
28	8,964	-0.64	1,3
29	9,422	4.33	3,7
30	8,685	-3.73	5,7
31	8,799	-2.47	6,7

Minimum deviation: -4.48%; Maximum deviation: 4.50%; Overall deviation: 8.98%

District #	2000 Native American Total Population %	2000 Native American Voting Age Population %	1990 Predominant District	1990 Native American Total Population %	1990 Native American Voting Age Population %
30	63.89	55.96	5	56.72	49.74
31	60.14	53.82	6	59.75	53.00

Proposed district 21 includes eastern Fergus County (1097 persons), the western boundary is Armell's Creek and following Precincts 16 and 1's boundaries south to Gilt Edge east of Lewistown. It also includes Petroleum, Garfield, McCone, and Prairie Counties in their entirety. It includes northern Dawson County (1170 persons), not including Glendive, with the boundary west of Glendive being Highway 200 until approximately 9 miles west of Glendive and then county road 230 is used west to the county line (existing boundary). North of Glendive, the district boundary is the Yellowstone River north to Fox Creek, about 5 miles south of Sidney. This district includes western Richland County, not including Sidney or Fairview, with Highway 16 being the boundary north of Sidney (1775 persons).

Proposed district 25 includes Culbertson and Bainville from Roosevelt County (982 persons) to the north. The boundary is basically Highway 2 and the Culbertson city limits north of Hwy 2. The remainder is within Richland County and includes Fairview and Sidney. The western boundary is Highway 16 and the remainder of the proposed district contains all of current House District 100.

Proposed district 26 includes all of Glendive on both sides of the Yellowstone River, all of Dawson County east of the Yellowstone River and the area south of Highway 200 and county road 230, basically all of existing HD 2 (7889 persons), and all of Wibaux County.

Proposed district 27 (see map for Plan 400 - Southeast Region - Miles City) includes Miles City using the city limit boundaries north of Interstate 94 with the addition of a small area between the city limits and I-94 east of Cemetary Road. South of the interstate includes all of the city limits and east of Haynes.

Proposed district 28 includes Fallon, Carter, and Powder River Counties in their entirety and Custer County with the exception of Miles City that is in proposed district 26.

Proposed district 29 includes the northern two-thirds of Rosebud County reuniting Colstrip with Forsyth and northern Rosebud County (5684 persons). All of Treasure County is included and a portion of Yellowstone County (2877 persons). This includes the Huntley Project School District that is north of I-94 and Huntley, Ballantine, and Worden.

Proposed district 30 includes the southern third of Rosebud County (3699 persons) including the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and south. The area around but not including Colstrip is included. West of Highway 39 uses the existing HD 5 boundary. East of Highway 39 the boundary follows a county road that parallels the RR tracks to Peabody mine/South Fork Cow Creek to the county road that becomes Highway 447 to the north. This district includes Ashland, Birney, Lame Deer, Muddy, Busby, and a portion of Hardin. The district includes eastern Big Horn County (4986 persons) including portions of the Crow Reservation. The boundary is basically I-90 with a couple exceptions: between Wyola and Lodge Grass it follows the Frontage Road, it also follows the frontage road north of Lodge Grass (existing district boundary). The boundary follows the existing district line around Crow Agency (in proposed district 28) and follows the existing district line to Highway 87 into Hardin. The Hardin portion of the district is north of 4th and 5th along the existing district line except the boundary is now Heimat Road. Proposed district 30 includes the area north to county road 282. Highway 47 serves as the boundary north to the county line.

Proposed district 31 includes the western half of Big Horn County (7685 persons) and the area in Hardin south of 4th and in the existing district. It also includes Wyola, Lodge, Grass, Crow Agency, St. Xavier, Pryor, and Fort Smith. It also includes the Crow Reservation portion of Yellowstone County and north of Big Horn County line up to I-94 (portions of current HD 7) east of Huntley to the Yellowstone County line, including Custer. (Yellowstone County - 1114 persons)

### PLAN 300

Proposed District #	2000 Total Population	Deviation from Ideal Population (9,022)	1990 District(s)
21A	9,445	4.69	89,93,99
21B	9,433	4.56	89,93

Proposed District #	2000 Total Population	Deviation from Ideal Population (9,022)	1990 District(s)
23	9,443	4.67	96,97,99
25	9,453	4.78	99,100
26	9,136	1.26	1,2
27	9,457	4.82	1,2,3,99
28	9,367	3.82	3,4
29	9,377	3.94	3,5,6,7
30	9,136	1.26	3,7,8,
31	8,842	-1.99	8,40,24
32	8,645	-4.18	1,5,6,
33	8,600	-4.68	6,16

Minimum deviation: -4.70%; Maximum deviation: 4.82%; Overall deviation: 9.52%

District #	2000 Native American Total Population %	2000 Native American Voting Age Population %	1990 Predominant District	1990 Native American Total Population %	1990 Native American Voting Age Population %
32	64.48	56.62	5	56.72	49.74
33	61.08	54.91	6	59.75	53.00

Proposed district 21A (compares to 19NC) includes southeastern Choteau County (1678 persons), and the Fergus County area not including Lewistown or the southeastern corner of Fergus County (2486 persons). It includes Judith Basin, Petroleum, and Garfield Counties in their entirety, and McCone County (1180 persons), not including Circle. The boundary is Highway 200 on either side of Circle from Stoney Butte/Highway 253 to the Dawson County line. The immediate area inside Brockton is in proposed district 21. The boundary follows the Circle census designated place boundaries (city limits) skirting Circle to the north. Circle is in proposed district 27 in the Southeast Region. Proposed District 21B (compares to 19NC) includes southeastern Fergus County, including a portion of Lewistown. It includes Petroleum, and Garfield Counties in their entirety, and McCone County, not including Circle. The boundary is Highway 200 on either side of Circle from Stoney Butte/Highway 253 to the Dawson County line. The immediate area inside Brockton is in proposed district 21. The boundary follows the Circle census designated place boundaries (city limits) skirting Circle to the north. Circle is in proposed district 27 in the Southeast Region. The McCone County portion is the same as Central Region Plan 300 A)

Proposed district 23 (same as Northeast Region Plan 300 - Revised Proposed District 21) includes Daniels, Sheridan, and parts of Roosevelt and Richland Counties. Roosevelt County portion includes the most of the area north of Highway 2, excluding Wolf Point city limits and some additional area immediately west of Wolf Point, Poplar and an area approximately 6 miles north of Highway 2 around Poplar. This district contains Bainville and Culbertson. This district contains a portion (approximately 824 persons) of northern Richland County, but does not include any of Fairview, Lambert, or Sidney. The southern boundary is Highway 200 east of Sidney, the existing HD 100 boundary around Sidney between Highway 16 and Highway 200 and east of Highway 16 about 17 miles north of Sidney.

Proposed district 25 contains portions of Richland (8843 persons) and Dawson (610 persons) Counties. Richland County includes Sidney, Fairview, Lambert, and Savage. all of current HD 100 is included in this district with all that is south of Highway 200, and all that is east of Highway 16 to about 17 miles north of Sidney.

Proposed district 26 contains portions of Dawson (8068 persons) and all of Wibaux County. The Dawson County portion includes everything east of I-94 and everything east and north of Highway 200. All of Glendive is in this district.

Proposed district 27 contains Fallon, Carter, and Prairie Counties in their entirety and parts of McCone, Dawson, Custer, and Powder River Counties. It contains a portion of McCone County (797 persons) including Circle and everything south of Highway 200 west to Brockton. Brockton is not in this district, but the boundary uses the county road south of Brockton. The Dawson County portion (371 persons) includes everything south of Highway 200 that is west of I-94 (not including any of Glendive). Custer County portion (1823 persons) includes south of I-94 and west of Highway 59. South of Miles City it does not include the area east and north of Cemetery Road. See Plan 200 insets of Glendive and Miles City for clarification. Powder River County (1070 persons) includes east of Highway 59 including Broadus and some other census blocks not included in the Broadus census designated place.

Proposed district 28 includes Miles City. It includes all of the city limits and the area south of the Yellowstone River between it and the city limits. It also includes additional area east of the city limits to Haynes and south of the city limits west to the Tongue River. The area south of I-94 includes all of the city limits and the area north and east of Cemetery Road.

Proposed district 29 includes portions of Custer, Rosebud Treasure, Big Horn, and Yellowstone Counties. The Custer County portion is south of I-94 and west of Highway 59 (506 persons). The Rosebud portion ( 5016 persons) is the central third including Colstrip and Forsyth area (south of the Yellowstone River about 10 miles east of Forsyth and Forsyth). Treasure County south of I-94 is included (155 persons). Big Horn County ( 706 persons) north of the Crow and Northern Cheyenne

Reservation lines is also included, not including any of Hardin. Basically the Foster School District west of I-90 and east of I-90 using a road that runs parallel to Little Ninemile Creek.

Proposed district 30 includes the northern third of Rosebud County (955 persons and not including Forsyth), northern Treasure County (706 persons) , north of I-94 including Hysham, Yellowstone County north of the Yellowstone River and I-94 west to Highway 87 (2978 persons). All of Musselshell County is included in this district. (This district must be adopted with the Southcentral Region).

Proposed district 31 includes all of Golden Valley, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, and Meagher Counties. (This district cannot be adopted until either the Bozeman or Helena areas are considered.)

Proposed district 32 includes portions of Powder River, Rosebud, and Big Horn Counties. In Powder River County it includes the area west of Highway 59, not including Broadus and some other census blocks not included in the Broadus census designated place (788 persons). In Rosebud County (3412 persons) it includes the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and south. This district includes Ashland, Birney, Lame Deer, Muddy, Busby, and a portion of Hardin. In Big Horn County it includes the eastern portion of the Crow Reservation including Wyola. The northern boundary is the Crow Reservation Boundary and the Northern Cheyenne Reservation boundary.

Proposed district 33 includes the remainder of the Crow Reservation and a portion of Hardin in Big Horn County including Lodge Grass, Crow Agency, St. Xavier and Pryor (7901 persons). It also includes the Crow Reservation portion of Yellowstone County and an area north of that boundary that includes south of the Yellowstone River on the western county line, including much of the South School District, south of the Hillcrest and Vandermeer Roads, and south of Blue Creek and Bender Roads (699 persons).

#### PLAN 400

Proposed District #	2000 Total Population	Deviation from Ideal Population (9,022)	1990 District(s)
21	9,343	3.56	8,93,99
25	9,456	4.81	99,100
26	9,270	2.75	2,99
27	8,787	-2.60	3,4
28	9,373	3.89	1,3
29	9,308	3.17	3,5,7
30	9,312	3.21	1,5,6

Proposed District #	2000 Total Population	Deviation from Ideal Population (9,022)	1990 District(s)
31	9,044	0.24	6

Minimum deviation: -4.48%; Maximum deviation: 4.97%; Overall deviation: 9.44%

District #	2000 Native American Total Population %	2000 Native American Voting Age Population %	1990 Predominant District	1990 Native American Total Population %	1990 Native American Voting Age Population %
<b>30</b>	<b>59.89</b>	<b>51.86</b>	<b>5</b>	56.72	49.74
<b>31</b>	<b>58.37</b>	<b>52.14</b>	<b>6</b>	59.75	53.00

Proposed district 21 includes the remainder of Fergus County the western boundary is Armell's Creek and following Precincts 16 and 1's boundaries south to Gilt Edge east of Lewistown. It also includes Petroleum, Garfield, McCone, and Musselshell Counties in their entirety.

Proposed district 25 includes most of Richland County, excluding the area south of Highway 200, including Lambert and west of county road 336 and a local government boundary.

Proposed district 26 includes the Lambert area south of Highway 200 from Richland County (211 persons) with all of Dawson County.

Proposed district 27 (same as Plan 200; see map for Plan 400 - Southeast Region - Miles City) includes Miles City using the city limit boundaries north of Interstate 94 with the addition of a small area between the city limits and I-94 east of Cemetary Road. South of the interstate includes all of the city limits and east of Haynes.

Proposed district 28 includes Wibaux, Prairie, Fallon, and Carter Counties in their entirety, and the remainder of Custer County (2909 persons), excluding Miles City.

Proposed district 29 includes the northern two-thirds of Rosebud County reuniting Forsyth and the northern county with Colstrip (5975 persons). All of Treasure County is included and in Yellowstone County, Custer, Ballantine, and Worden are included (2472 persons). This is most of current HD 4, excluding Huntley and the area immediately south.

Proposed district 30 includes all of Powder River County, the southern third of Rosebud County (3408 persons) including the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, the eastern half of Big Horn County (4046 persons) including the Northern Cheyenne Reservation portion and eastern Crow Reservation. This district includes Ashland, Birney, Lame Deer, Muddy, Busby. The district includes eastern Big Horn County including portions of the Crow Reservation, Wyola, and a portion of Hardin. The boundary is

I-90 south to Crow Agency, the eastern Crow Agency boundary, and 6 miles south then follows the frontage road south about 22 miles and then uses a local government boundary around the Wyola area. The Hardin portion of the district adds the area between I-90 and Crawford but loses the area west of the city limits and south of county road 155. Two Leggins Canal serves as the boundary north to the precinct boundary between precincts 1 and 3.

Proposed district 31 includes the western half of the Crow Reservation including Lodge Grass, Crow Agency, Pryor, St. Xavier and the Crow Reservation portion of Yellowstone County (419 persons). It also adds some additional area in Hardin south of I-90 and east of Crawford. The boundary to the north is the precinct boundary between precincts 1 and 3 and then follows Two Leggins Canal into Hardin.

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